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May 25 was the first day of is-gue for a souvenir sheet in the East Zone of Germany which had two purposes. One, to note the 70th birthday of Ernst Thaelmann,

We hardese. Other the work of the birthday of Ernst Thaelmann, and two to raise funds for memorials at Buchenwald. Ravenshruck and Sachsenhausen.

Thaelman is a communist hero, executed by the Nazis in 1944. The stamp design has his portrait posed before a red flag; the rest of the design is dark brown while the dedicatory wording on the sheet is in black.

Pace value of the stamp is 20pf—selling price of the souvenir sheet is 40pf, the extra going to the memorial erection fund.

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Shown on the 35pi. black brown low value is a bronze statue of H.-E. General Yusef al-Azmeh, Minister of War of the Kingdom of Syria in 1920. The 27-year-old army officer and cabinet member is depicted with sword drawn, personally leading a patriotic band of 5000 demobilized soldiers, cadets, royal guards, Bedouin camel corps men and poorly-armed volunteer militia in a vain effort to prevent the invasion of Syria by a French Army of 25,000 picked French, North African and Senegalese

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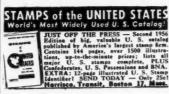
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International Exhibition To Celebrate Centenary Mexico's First Postage Stamps Of 1856

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The Mexican Government will for the bill for practically all expenses in connection with the forthcoming international philatelic exhibition in Mexico City in mid-summer this year. This is a type approach followed by most of the foreign nations which have hosted such outstanding philatelic displays in years past. Advertising for the country, the attraction of tourist dollars, pesos and pounds, and the sale of special stamp issues all seem to be repayment enough for the sponsoring nation.

While the announcement of Mexico's planned recognition of the 100th anniversary of its first postage stamps comes with short no-

age stamps comes with short no-tice, there is no question but that the displays and other pertinent details will be the best.

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Announcement has been made of the rules to govern Mexico's first International Postage Stamp Exhibition from August 1 to August 15. The show, to be known as "EXMEX-1956", will be in commemoration of the First Centenary of the Mexican adhesives, which appeared during the presidency of Don Ignacio Comofort, August 1, 1856. It will include seven classes of entries: of entries:

I. Official collections, a class reserved for the postal administrations of countries which wish to assist in the celebration.

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II. Outstanding collections, for those invited by the Centennial Commission.

III. Honors Class, reserved to collections of great merit which have been awarded at least twice with gold medals or other prizes at the following exhibitions: 1949 Paris-Brussels; 1950 London; 1952 Monaco-Utrecht-Luxembourg; 1953 Lisbon; 1955 Olso-Stockholm, and 1956 New York.

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Members of the Distinguished Corps of Philatelists, dealers or collectors may show under Class VI, either in their own or assumed names, but the Cen ernial Commisson must know the real name, Applications will be furnished by the COMISION DEL CENTENARIO, BIBLIOTECA POSTA, DIRECION GENERAL DEL CORREOS, MEXICO, D.F., to all interested collectors, and they should be requested at once in order to be presented by May 31, 1956, or very soon thereafter. No entry fee is to be charged. More complete rules will be included with the application forms, and will be available in English, Spanish, and French.

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Mexico Now Has New Postal Rates

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New postal stationery, and probably one or more new defini-tive ordinary and airmail stamps are to be expected as a result of the increases in postal rates which will go into effect in Mexico soon. In addition there will no doubt be a new Special De-livery stamp, or stamps.

New postage rates effective on June 1, have just been announced by the Mexican Secretariat of Communications and Public orks, as follows:

Domestic letters, from 20 cen

Postcards, from 10c to 15c.
Letter cards, from 20c to 30c.
Domestic Air Mail, from 35c to Air Postcards, 20c to 30c.

Air Postcards, 20c to 30c.
Air lettercards, from 35c to 50c.
International rates have been increased as well. Letters in the ordinary mail will now pay 70c instead of 30c, and airmail to the United States will go up from 25c to 50c.
The rate on air letters to Europe increases from 80c to 1.20 pesos.

Rates on domestic letters are understood to be for each 20 grams or fraction thereof, and those on foreign airmail, for each

those on foreign airmail, for each 5 grams or fraction thereof. Ordinary first class postage to foreign countries decreases to 45c after the first 20 grams.

With the present rate of exchange of the Mexican peso fixed at eight U.S. cents, postage is still cheaper in Mexico than most anywhere in the world.

Cheapness of the Mexican postal rates is well illustrated in the fact that registration in Mexico will increase from 30c to 40c when the new rates go into effect, but that even then registra-tion will cost the equivalent of five U.S. cents!

Other special services will also increase in cost:
Special delivery, local service:

from 25c to 35c.
"Correograms" (Special Delivery letter sheets) from 30c to

All of these changes imply a new airmail stamp for the one peso twenty centavos rate to Europe; probably a new 70c definitive for ordinary postage; likewise a new Special Delivery to take care of the increased local rate, and no doubt a similar new issue to cover the rate on foreign issue to cover the rate on foreign special delivery letters not yet announced.

announced.

The present rate is 60c for international special delivery letters. Another possibility is an additional definitive in the ordinates. ary postage series to cover the 45c second 20 grams rate.

New postal stationery will include postcards, newspaper wrap-pers, special delivery letter sheet, ordinary and airmail envelopes and airmail cards. Just how soon these will appear is a conjecture since the printing bureau is busy preparing the new commemora-tive issue for the centenary of the first Mexican postage stamp, but they will doubtless show up with-out any previous notice, as is usually the case.



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Nowak Collection Stamps Described

(Editors Note: In recent months (Editors Note: In recent months there has been much national publicity regarding the Polish Stamp Collection, including mention in Linn's, donated by Edward Nowak to Regis College. The following is intended to answer many of the questions which have been directed to Mr. Nowak and this paper for answer concerning its contents.) tents.)

The talked about Polish stamp collection of Edward Nowak Sr. is presently resting in the new li-brary of Regis College in Weston, Mass A small child. Mass. A special philatelic room was assigned to house the famed stamp accumulations of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Mr. Nowak and other important people.

Nowak's collection is rated as one of the most complete Polish stamp accumulations on this continent. It consists of 13 large volumes encompassing items from Congressional Kingdom of Poland or to the present day era to the present day.

The description of stamps, difference in inks, paper, reprints, historical data, hundreds of hitherto unknown philatelic facts and quotations from sources of Polish Ministry of Posts—all in plain, everyday language make the collection an undisputable source of information in the English lan-guage found nowhere else on this continent.

The Nowak collection abounds in stamps of the 1914-1919 era and is most complete in adhesives printed by resurrected Poland during the large state.

printed by resurrected Poland during the lean years 1919-1925 when stamps were printed on any available paper by private printers who were able to secrete a small printing press from the invaders. Stamps printed in Warsaw, Lodz, Lwow, Krakow, Poznan and many other cities where a humble printer existed, are as different as night and day. The differences in inks, paper, size and perforations are well written up and displayed in the accumulation.

After World War II, many his-

After World War II, many his toric facts pertaining to stamps of Poland are to be found only in the volumes at Regis College. Much data and many known copies of adhesives existing only in Poland's Philatelic Museum in Warsaw were looted and robbed by Nazis during the invasion of Poland. These subthe invasion of Poland. These sub-sequently made their way into Nowak's volumes because of a wide awake representative — or agent — in Switzerland, who bought the rare adhesives, placed on sale by Nazi Gesatpo agents in charge of looting Poland's Stamp Museum.

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The "Local Issues" by Polish postmasters after W.W.I are in the collection in almost complete accumulations.

Military stamps and adhesives

Military stamps and adhesives made secretly at Nazi concentra-tion camps at Woldenberg (Dobigniew), Dachau, Grossborn — form a large and separate volume. Those issued by Polish Refugee Camps at Hamburg, Spackenberg, Monachium, Bavaria and Ettlingen are well represented.

Polish underground, and the Kra-kow, Lodz and Warsaw Jewish Ghetto's adhesives form pages so inspiring that even non-collectors are spellbound by the history they represent.

Central Lithuania is most com-plete and the pages contain many hitherto unknown and written about items presented to Nowak by a Colonel Wesolinski of the Polish

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Among many ribbons and cita-tions awarded the collection at ex-hibitions the most prized ones are hibitions the most prized ones are the gold medal (grand award) by the Polish American Congress, The Polish Falcons of America, gold medal by the Polish-American Historical Society Gold medal by "Eye For Art Guild Of America", and the covered gold medallion for and the coveted gold medallion for "Philatelic Research" on stamps of Poland by the Association of Polish Americans with branches in the United States and Canada.

The Regis Philatelic Museum is open to the public, particularly to students of philately. Visitors to New England will find it inspiration and education to make a pilgrimage to Weston, Mass.

A first page item on the subject of the Nowak collection in the BOSTON SUNDAY HERALD states... 'Stamps produced in agony are Poles' gift to Regis College and must be seen to appreciate what philatelic science is. The accumulation carries an unmisaccumulation carries an unmis-takable message of freedom and is worth viewing by every Ameri-can taking freedom for granted.

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blue and orange, five million.

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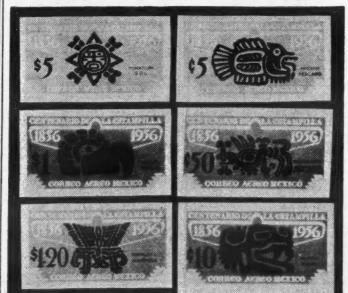
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5P, Tehcutli-Hombre (Man), black and dark lake, five hundred thousand.

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5c, Arqueological Mexico, orange, brown, gray, and black, one million

10c, Colonial Mexico, brown and (Continued on page 11)



Additional designs of airmais are to be seen here. Perhaps none of these will be used for the current Centennial Series.

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Members of the Central Federation of Stamp Clubs who find it possible to go from Chicago will have an opportunity of a train excursion to the Society of Philatelic Americans convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., August 23 to 26

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We are glad also that there are certain men in the philatelic world who are also controversial. Steve Rich is one of them. He is well known, has a tremendous amount

He is well known, has a tremendous amount of experience, and is not afraid to speak for or against any matter, depending on which side he may choose, to defend or to defeat

defeat.

It is for this reason we print this letter and you will note that it is with his complete approval and permission. Steve naturally asks that no omission be made and he also asks that we make no comment. We are glad to print it in full as written, but we cannot refuse to make some comment, although not directly referring to any of the points that Mr. Rich makes. Here is the letter and following it we must comment on severand following it we must comment on several other letters which have come to our office since our editorial of May 7.

"May 13, 1956



GEORGE W. LINN

"Naturally, I'm much flattered by your reference to my article that was in Linn's in February, in the editorial you had April 30th. What you cite illustrates admirably how bits of information got lost and still get lost. Now if this Mr. Schaefer had gone one step further, and written to Hugh Clark, who then edited the Scott Catalogs, mentioning the matter and repeating the information, quite likely the listing would have been made. In fact, I hope you can get word to Mr. Schaefer suggesting that he now do this. The present management is much more receptive to additions and corrections than was that of Hugh Clark. But they have to be informed anew. I discovered that one item to a letter—never more than one—and as full information as possible, on that one item, scores about half the time in getting a desired change made.

made.

"The Scott outfit, now as hitherto, doesn't appear to notice, or even to see, anything in any stamp paper. This holds true for the learned Essay-Proof Journal as for the weeklies, for the specialized group papers as for the general ones. We have been sending exchange copies of France & Colonies Philatelist to Scott's Monthly Journal since the "F. & C. Philla." was started in 1942, and so far not one item of information published either when Dr. Charles Vaurie edited the F. & C.P. or since I became editor, has found its way into Scott's catalog unless a special letter was also written.

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"While I write: I notice your editorial in the next later number, May 7, about Fipex and the Board of Judges.

"What you don't know, but anyone who was on the Association for Stamp exhibitions' committee for Fipex could tell you, was that we set out to break the old and bad customs of omitting dealers on the Board of Judges. Up to as recently as last midwinter, extensive work on getting professionals to accept, was done. I will put it bluntly: we ran into personal antagonisms of the most acute sort, so that no matter, who was considered or invited, we had the problem that others, equally well qualified, equally desired as judges, were refusing to serve. Indeed, some of the non-professionals were most explicit on unwillingness to serve with certain possible judges.

"The net result was that we couldn't get either American or European dealer membership on the Board of Judges.

"It cannot be more specific than this without divulging confidences."

"I cannot be more specific than this, without divulging confidences; but this ought to suffice. How come you had not heard of this most annoying complication? I thought all rumors came to your ears. "In the matter of the absence of a Press Committee and poor advance publicity for Fipex, I am not sure, though I was on the Exhibition Committee, how the lapse occurred. I know that back in the early winter, and mid-1955, everything seemed set for good cooperation with the philatelic press."

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"Reverting to the names chosen for the Board of Judges at Fipex,
"Reverting to the names chosen for the Board of Judges at Fipex, some of those mentioned by you as logical ones to be on the Board were approached and declined, for various reasons. At least four top men declined for really valid reasons of health—one of the best, whom I am under obligations not to name, was told point blank that he had to decline by his physician, lest he bring on a heart attack.

"The most remarkable fact that struck me in the work of this Board of Judges, was the really thorough and deep stamp knowledge of several of the men whom I had long known, but had not known as stamp students. I don't recall even one who did not measure up to the needed standards of philatelic knowledge. On such a matter as detecting a subtly hidden tampering with a cover, two of the men who were on that Board, and who were least known as deep students, turned out to be the most acute observers.

"If you wish to print this letter, you have my permission. Please don't cut it, as omission of anything could give a wrong impression. I admit I'd rather have you print it without any comment; but I'll risk that if you wish to incorporate it into an ediorial.

that if you wish to incorporate it into an ediorial. "Sincerely yours "Stephen G. Rich"

As you will note, the letter refers to another matter besides the FIPEX judging, but we printed it all as written. The chief thing about this letter is with reference to the choice of judges, leaving dealers and the profession out entirely. We believe Mr. Rich should know what he is talking about, concerning that group of dealers who have contended that the profession should have been represented on the jury. We are content to leave this until some of them can furnish sound proof to the contents. to the contrary.

to the contrary.

Now for other comment. We have had letters of complaint about many things in connection with FIPEX. It would not be desirable to take up all these matters as many were trivial, others were against things which the committee had no control over such as poor service or access to or between the third and fourth floor, lack of facilities for food inside the building, necessitating one going out to eat and then being obliged to pay again to get back in. Such matters were due wholly to the fact that some of these facilities had not been completely ready when the building was ovened and will doubtless be corrected as ready when the building was opened and will doubtless be corrected as rapidly as possible.

Many other complaints have come in against all sorts of things from the consideration and attention paid the Juniors ,as well as failure

to live up to certain promises made in relation to Junior exhibits, and all the way up through various awards even to and including the grand award.

These matters will all be threshed out in the course of time, but the one complaint that we feel deserves the most attention is that concerning the Grand Award.

The principal complaint we have had about this award confirms our opinion and belief that these troubles arise wholly because the Board of Judges deliberately fail or refuse to do their judging on the basis of the points set up in the rules, for their figures on points. We have seen other exhibitions both large and small where Judges almost wholly ignore these figures for points and apparently judge by what they THINK looks best rather than to give a definite number of points as planned in the rules. planned in the rules.

I think this point can be proven without any trouble if you will follow through and look at this matter as it should be looked at by the Judges. To start with, let us see what the rules for judging provided for as to points, as copied from the Final Prospectus for the show.

"THE FOLLOWING POINTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE JUDGING:

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|----|---|
| 2. | Completeness of Philatelic Knowledge |
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Based on the above schedule for giving points for any exhibit I seriously doubt if the judges could justify their selection of the prize winning collection if they had religiously followed the rules as set forth above. I make this statement because of many remarks that have been made to me in letters from prominent collectors or dealers. quote a couple of these.

First: "The Grand Award to the collection of Uruguay just looked to me like somebody spent a lot of money. It was not written up or anything else.'

Second: "The Grand Trophy went to the most glorious material anyone could want, with plenty of real stamp knowledge shown, but mounted and written up about the way a 6 year old would prepare an exhibit of 'Pansies on Stamps' for a school stamp day."

That is sufficient to make the point. Others are at hand. You study the points allowed for things mentioned above and tell me how any judge could fail to knock off a great many points for lack of what should have been there. This I believe proves my argument, that Judges do not judge by the rules laid down for them, but that they merely look for what appears to be about the nicest thing in any show and then give the prize accordingly. We have seen this happen in other instances and we believe the one possible way to cure such methods of judging is for the committee in charge of judges to question their report cards and make them justify their decision as to the number of points given for each subject in the rules. points given for each subject in the rules.

If we are to have rules for judging, we must presume that many serious collectors even of lesser means will definitely and deliberately mount and arrange their material with a view to gaining as many points as possible under the rules for judging. Is it right then that these people should be overlooked just because some one has a lot of priceless stamps that are shown in competition? Perhaps the rules are wrong, perhaps judges should be asked to look over the show without any rules and pick what in their estimation, is the best. It is evident that this is often done, so why not quit kidding the collector and set the rules up in that manner. It would doubtless keep a lot of stuff out of shows, but even then shows would perhaps be better as they could be held down to a reasonable size and there would still be a plenty for anyone to see. anyone to see.

anyone to see.

Just another word with reference to the letter from Mr. Rich. In about the same mail we had a lengthy letter or rather a report on just about everything that one man could find to talk about. This letter is represented as being the findings of Pinocchio. It is a very revealing letter and would perhaps make interesting reading for our readers besides giving quite a bit of cause for amusement, but this letter came to us as a propagation of the properties of the to us as an anonymous communication, no signature. We positively do not print such matter. Frequently such is a trap, baited for a publisher. We are glad to advise all that we are a newspaper. We hold the idea that our correspondents may write something and ask their name to be witheld, but we do not print such matter without we know the author and can have his signature on his material with which to defend our position if weed he. our position if need be.

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If it hadn't of been for several

If it hadn't of been for several curious readers who wrote in inquiry, a piece of news which a number of you might appreciate hearing might not have become known for some time yet.

The questioin is, "Did Linn's hit the 50,000 subscription mark yet?"

Yep, we have! We're now blessed with over 50,000 interested collectors who are quite willing to pay a yearly subscription fee to get a copy of our paper each week.

The total was somewhere over 49,900 when I left for FIPEX. Business was really good at the big

49,900 when I left for FIPEX. Business was really good at the big show with enough new subscribers signing up in the first hours of the nine-day affair to put us over the 50,000 mark.

When we were at the 30,000 mark in 1950 and expressed a goal of 50,000 subscribers at some time in the future, some supposedly informed "know-it-alis" claimed that the helply would not support that the hobby would not support that kind of circulation. Said know-it-alls are still way back there eating

dust.

Obviously, our next step envisages a circulation, PAID, that is, of 75,000 Unless we have an economic disaster which will slow all business, I think the growth will be relatively quicker than the recently completed step.

cently completed step.

Our present subscribers could help a lot, for instance, by presenting a subscription to Linn's as a present to a junior or adult. Where could you get such a buy for a buck, that lasts a whole year, and gives so much pleasure and information?

Presently, while they last, you can get one of the FIPEX souvenir folders free with a new subscription, which could be your own present out of the deal. Course, you can always buy the folders at 25c.

1. How many stamps were in the Washington Bicentennial issue of 1932, and how many of the stamps had a portrait of Washing-ton?

2. The year previous Washington appeared on what commem as the center one of three portraits in the design? Who were seen in the other two?

Don't forget when you are pre-paring your envelopes as FDC's for the Food & Drug stamp that blocks of four will use up most of the "name and address space". Keep both tiny and low.

In the past week I have learned of two instances which would bring tears to the eyes of an informed

tears to the eyes of an informed stamp collector.

Circumstances in each case are similar.

So-called collectors were mounting mint plate blocks of United States commems, in matched sets, and imprint blocks of British Colonials to the album page with Scotch cellophane tape.

There, there! Now after all of you pick yourselves up off the floor, and dry your eyes, we will proceed.

You could understand some rank beginner who has never heard of stamp hinges doing a stunt like that. But these people knew about

that. But these people and hinges!

Their excuses were that the hinges didn't hold the blocks like they wanted them to, so the scotch tape was applied. The blocks were laid on the page and a strip of the tape run across the face and anchored on each side. It had been on most of them long enuogh so that a chemical reaction had set in ruining even the paper.

Lots of times it is possible, if the tape has been just recently applied to soak tape and stamps in carbon tetrachloride (from word druggist). It might take hours

expensive U. S. issues as long as they look nice on the face, and pay a substantial cut-rate from catalog. Lot's of good collections have several "seconds" in with the others.

I know some of you will want to write and tell me that a few of the issues since 1930 came with many stamps poorly centered. However, such are less than a handful, the most recent being the New York commemorative airmail. I admit the several exceptions.

You must remember that regardless of present standards, a great

or days, but in any event use a container which can be tightly closed. Carbon tet is highly volatile, and poisonous to breathe to any extent.

any extent.

Some collectors are extremely silly about hinging. They don't like silly about hinging. They don't like to use hinges, they say, because they will get less for their stamps when the want to sell. That is 100% correct if the hinges are not put on with some skill.

put on with some skill.

Just remember that practically all the valuable collections you will find around the world, mint and used, are hinge-mounted.

And when mounting or hendling your stamps, always, always, always use stamp tongs. They are a little awkward to get onto using, but they are a cinch after a little experience, and so eminently necessary to handle stamps easily

and keep finger stains off the de-

signs.
You attach the hinge to the stamp. Then the hinge-stamp comstamp. The the album page — us-

You attach the hinge to the stamp. Then the hinge-stamp combination to the album page — using the tongs in both instances. You moisten the hinge gum with the tip of your tongue — not gush all over it — and then touch it to the back of the stamp — and DON'T press it down.

I always put the hinge in the center of the stamp for good reasons, but some prefer attaching it near the top. For blocks, I put one on each of the top two stamps, and another to the left or right of the vertical perforations on the bottom pair. Those three will keep your block flat to the page.

Likewise, you do not have to moisten more than a small spot on each side to get it to adhere to the album page, and to the stamp. In case you have made an error in mounting, wait until the hinge gum is thoroughly dry before peeling it off. If properly applied the hinge will pop right off.

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I prefer the already-folded ones. It you have the other kind, you bend about one-fourth over for attachment to the stamp . The long side is for the album page.

A dealer friend writes -

"I think your advice to buy only Very Fine condition, well meant though it is, isn't good advice. If anyone is to buy the very fine, who is to buy the not so good? And if there is no commercial demand for the not quite so good, what stamps are collectors going to collect?
"My contention is that all stamps

are collectable at a price commen-surate with their condition, even damaged ones. I'm all for burning damaged ones. I'm all for burning up the ugly, torn monstrosities with chunks out of them, but what of the attractive, well-centered ones with small thin or short perfs?

"At a price they are often a darned sight better buy, thinking of ultimate saleshility at a profit

of ultimate saleability at a profit, than the superb gems that bring many times catalog today. I'll gladly buy ANY attractive USA stamp, defective or not, at a fair price, and find it easier to sell the ordinary run than the accidents of

price, and find it easier to sell the ordinary run than the accidents of centering, called superb!"

We have some split thinking which was not intended by the remarks I made originally here about centering and condition. Perhaps I didn't make myself as clear as I might, but the admonition to buy only the very fine or better stamps was intended to include-the modern day commence. ern day commems — say from the 1930's on.

I say take very fine only because

there were great enough printings of all of them that one need not take anything less than very fine. There are enough of that grade around that a dealer does not and will not buy any other kind for stock. stock

stock.

And a collector should have enough good taste to choose only that kind for his collection. And as a corollary, dealers shouldn't charge a premium for very fine copies of the recents because there are so many well centered copies available to them and everyone.

one.

Now, for the earlier stamps, mint or used, we all have to take the best we can find. Very, very few of the pre-1930's are found with decent centering, and those that have, are worthy of a higher price. So be prepared to pay for condition — it's worth it.

As to the seconds, or slightly defective stamps, there is probably more of a demand for these at a right price than most dealers can

right price than most dealers can fill orders. I think collectors are smart to get copies of the more expensive U. S. issues as long as they look nice on the face, and pay a substantial cut-rate from catalog.

less of present standards, a great many of the issues of the 1930 to today era were in plentiful supply for years at the Philatelic Agency

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PLATE BLOCK -THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

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Ex-Presidential Series

The next group that we will review are the 20c, 21c, 22c, 24c, 25c, 30c and 50c Presidentials of 1938. These denominations have a double frame around the border. This is the second to the last group to cover, in the entire last regular

The 20c value was the most com-mon of all these. Consequently it had seen the use of thirteen plate numbers in connection with it. The 20c denomination of the 1938 Presidenial series has probably focused the greatest amount of attention among plate block collectors be-cause of one plate number that could undoubtedly be the scarcest

in this group.

Just about every stamp magazine had, at one time or another, drawn attention to this rare plate number, 22176. It had only 2550 impressions whereas most of the other plates that were used had hundreds of thousands, and some approaching a million impressions. By these comparative figures we can justify its scarcity.

At this late date there are collectors, as well as plate block dealers, who would be willing to pay \$1000 or more, for a plate block of this 20c.

Two positions are known to be in existence. They are the upper left and the lower left. The upper right and lower right have never been seen nor reported. It would be highly gratifying if a collector came up with any one of the two missng positions. That would rep-resent a great find and a real source of satisfaction to the lucky

man, or woman.

In the 20c denomination that is normally and commonly consumed, without undue attention, it can easily by seen and understood how much more valued a plate number like this would be.

The next three denominations, 21c, 22c and 24c, had a minimum usefulness in the twenty year per-iod. The 21c had four plate numbers as did the 24c. The 22c had six plate numbers.

six plate numbers.

To anyone who might question having these odd values that were scarcely used, I would probably say that the main objective when this series was issued, was to honor all the United States' expresidents in one grand series (I take it for granted that you know that in the United States we do not issue postage stamps honoring livissue postage stamps honoring living men or women). Therefore, in order to include all of our ex-presidents, this Presidential series had to be comprised of 32 denominations.

That all these values would prove The next matter. three values, matter. The next three values, being more rounded figures, had a few more plate numbers during their long period of service. These were the 25c, with twelve plate

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numbers, the 30c with six, and the 50c with six. 20c James A. Garfield, SC#825.

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Pre-eye plates

23549 23558 24060 24061 24572 24573 21c Chester A. Arthur, SC#826.

Pre-eye plates 22112 22113 Electric eye plates

22114 22115 23053 23933 22c Grover Cleveland, SC#827. Pre-eye plates

22147 22148 Electric eye plates 22826 23934 22825 24c Benjamin Harrison, SC#828.

> Pre-eye plates 22162 22163 Electric eye plates

22827 22828 25c William McKinley, SC#829. Pre-eye plates

> 22116 Electric eye plates 22119 23115 24699

24960 24959 30c Theodore Roosevelt, SC#830. Pre-eye plates

22164 22165 Electric eye plates

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23906 22833 22834 23116 William H. Taft, SC#831.

Pre-eye plates 22207 22212

Electric eye plates 22205 22206 22353

The 21c actually had six plate umbers, as listed above, but the last two have never been reported.

On the 22c the first four numbers are fully accounted for and of the last two only the upper left and lower right of 23934 are known. The upper right and lower of 23934 and all positions of 24081 have not been reported. All numbers, in all positions, on the 24c, 25c, 30c and 50c have been reported and are in collectors' hands.

ported and are in collectors' hands. The next episode will be the last in this series and will deal with the \$1, \$2, and \$5 values. After that, a complete review will be made of the entire series, which will be a much shorter list of unaccounted for plate numbers and positions than previously reported in these columns.

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The 1956 Congress Book, the twenty-second since formation of the Congress 21 years ago, will be released in conjunction with the annual meeting October 19, 20, 21 at the National Philatelic Muse-um, Philadelphia, Pa.

Congress headquarters will be the John Bartram Hotel.

The six articles already scheduled are: Patriotic Covers: Col. E. E. Ellsworth, by Eugene V. Connett; United States 10 Cents Jefferson, by Cyril F. dos Passos; Hungarian Rogues Gallery, by Dr. William Stericker; A Selective List of Philatelic Handbooks, by Dr. John Freehafer and Helen K. Zirkle; U.S. Revenue Proposals, Essays and Proofs from the National Postage Stamp Collection, by Franklin R. Bruns Jr; Australia: Pioneer Flights, by Frank E. Adams. Adams.

The additional articles planned are on Greece, Latvia, Brazil, China, Switzerland and several additional on United States postal history, or stamps.

Data on The American Philatelic Congress may be obtained by writ-ing to the secretary, Mrs. Conway Zirkle, 2307 Secane Rd., Secane,

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A lot of collectors out here in Australia have asked me about the PhilaMatic Center at Father Flanagan's Poys' Home in Boys Town, Nebraska and since I didn't know as much about it as I should, I wrote to D. O. Barret, the Curator and an old correspondent, for information. His letter is so interesting that I know many of you will enjoy it too. He wrote—

"After vainly trying for two years to give away my stamp collection which amounted to 50 volumes, it was offered to Fr. Flanagan, who accepted it immediately. After some short negotiations, it was arranged to go to Boys Town. About that time, President Truman asked Fr. Flanagan to study the juvenile situation in Japan, Austria, and Germany. I first met Fr. Flanagan on Labor Day 1947 after his return from Japan, and presented him with a special Multiplex stand carrying 24 exhibition sheets, 26" x 44". Some time after this he went to Europe and, as you know, suffered a heart stroke in Germany and died there (1948).

"No one was appointed to succeed him as director for some time and, in the meantime, I retired from Gulf Oil Corporation and continued to enlarge my collection while living in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After Fr. Wegner's appointment as Director, the matter of buildings, etc. were settled and, as far as we know, the PhilaMatic Center is the only structure specially designed to house a collection of this kind, especially to display properly the Multiplex frames.

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though we do provide used stamps for possibly over 100 collectors among the boys. It is housed in a building which is used as a cafe-



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teria and also a reception center and souvenir shop, so our audience is all ready-made. Recently, there were 1000 visitors through the Center in one day. In this respect, we have anything in the East overridden. We are kept exceedingly busy the year around.

"I am a Protestant layman, having had charge of the mechanical engineering department of the Gulf Oil Corporation, Tulsa, Okla., for some years. My position here is "Curator of the Center; I have some engineering degrees in which you would probably not be interested. The only salary I receive is the rent of a small 2½-room apartment; the rest is just for love or a sense of obligation, I really don't know which.

"I have one helper and put in seven days per week. We are only closed three days in the year; we sometimes open at night for stamp groups, shows, etc. It might interest you to know that there is a Protestant Chapel on the grounds as well as the Catholic Church.

"The greater portion of the exhibits are owned by the Philamatic Center but we get a few donations and have a large amount lent to us, some of it having been on display for over three years; an exhibitor is requested to leave his material for at least one year. We have had displays valued at up to \$15,000 and just installed one valued at around \$9000. We will show anything that is for interest to the public and can be put in frames under glass, and that definition covers a wide variety of materials. Each exhibitor is given a very nice Certificate of Appreciation for his records. We have exhibits now covers a wide variety of materials. Each exhibitor is given a very nice Certificate of Appreciation for his records. We have exhibits now from both the East and West Coasts and many points in between."

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William Wilkins, ceramics and philatelic instructor at Boys Town and another correspondent of mine working closely with Curator Barrett, died somewhat over a year back. His classes made the items sold in the gift shop and his philatelic work among the boys was carried on as a hobby. The Boys Town Times, published monthly, regularly carries at least a column of stamp news and information on current PhilaMeter displays. A recent issue portrays boy collectors Robert Franks, Ken Allen and Francis Centamore looking over their albums while close at hand is a strange and fearful thing, the PhilaMatic Ball, made entirely of postage stamps (no less than 1,642,000 by official court) and weighing 250 pounds. Now that would really be something to see!!



At the Yarralumlu School our 5-year-old daughter attends (you should hear her sing "Gawd Sive thuh Kwin!!), I noticed several juveniles wearing galy-colored pins portraying the Hungary 30f athlete stamp and upon inquiry learned that they got them from the Seven Seas Stamp Company, the Linn's advertisers whose unusual offerings you have come to know so well.

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the date are included in the can-cellation.

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The Rosewood Inn, in suburban Chicago, has been selected for the gala evening. The guest speaker is C. A. "Cap" Perz.

During the evening the Past-Presidents' Trophy will be given to one of the members who has performed an outstanding service for the society.

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Australia seems to be deter-mined not to be outdone by Italy when it comes to special commemorative postmarks for the forth-coming Olympic Games! Italy was host nation for the 1956 Winter Olympics, held at Cortina d'Ampezzo, way up near the top of the "boot", in the German-speaking "South Tyrol".

Not less than 47 different Olympic postmarks were used at the when it comes to special commem

pic postmarks were used at the Winter Games, with each type of sport honored by one or more cansport nonored by one or more can-cellations. Since many of these could only be obtained by standing in line in sub-zero weather, the number of complete Cortina postmark collections is understandably

limited.

Now Australia has announced that it has authorized not just 47 different cancellations, mind you, but 52! Fourteen fixed and two mobile post offices will be in continuous operation at the various Olympic sites around Melbourne.

The postmarks will depict the various sports wherever the competitions are taking place. Obviously, Sports topicalists are in for a banner year!

ly, Sports topicalists are in for a banner year!
London rumors have it that both Basutoland and Bechuanaland will shortly add Pound denominations to their QEII sets.
The next stop on our alphabetical global tour of the British possessions is BERMUDA, the oldest self-governing British colony. Having gathered sufficient material for ing gathered sufficient material for at least three columns, we'll dis-cuss this famous and interesting group of about 360 islets of which some twenty are inhabited rather thoroughly.

Bermuda owes its name to Juan

Bermuda owes its name to Juan de Bermudez, who was shipwrecked there in 1510 while on his way from Spain to Cuba with a cargo of hogs. Hence the "Hog Money", the earliest Colonial coinage and probably the first struck in North America (ca.1615), see the 1/-, 5/- and 10/- of the QEII issue. But we are getting ahead of our story. Any one who feels like a wreck ought to take off for Bermuda which makes a specialty of them. Following de Bermudez' ship, a number of other wrecks were recorded, but it was not until 1609 that the "Sea Venture", which is shown on the 2½d QEII stamp

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rammed the local rocks and Bermuda was finally settled once and for all.

It was because the "Sea Venture" was a British ship that Britain was able to lay claim to the ain was able to lay claim to the island group which has a total area of only 20 square miles and spread out into an elongated crescent of about 24 miles from end to end.

about 24 miles from end to end.

While most people think of Bermuda as a Caribbean island, the group is actually very much further north, actually only 690 miles south-east of New York City.

Through the 17th and 18th centuries as well as part of the 19th, Bermuda's inhabitants (about 40,000 today, but considerably fewer then) made a living from shipwrecks, foraging among the wares of ships that had run aground on the coral reefs. What with Bermuda sitting astride the route of the the coral reets. What with Bermuda sitting astride the route of the treasure ships plying between the mines of Spain, the pickings were good. Many a formidable fortune was founded by a forager who salvaged Spanish treasure from craft foundering off Bermuda's sunkissed shores. shores

Descendents of Bermuda's shipwrecked citizens became good sailors and built fast and cheap cedar ships. In recent years, the famous Bermuda cedars were most wiped out by a cedar blight, so that whole gray patches of dead woodland mar the green and pink

landscape.
The Bermudians used their ships to run the British blockade to bring gunpowder to the American colonists in exchange for food during the American Revolution. During the Civil War, Bermuda ran the Union blockade, so successfully, it is reported, that the gun-runners didn't even take time out to count didn't even take time out to count their money. They piled it in bar-rels and stored it in the basement.

Bermuda then tried to turn an honest dollar by growing Bermuda onions, but soon enough, Texas was grownig bigger and better Bermu-

da onions.
On the valuable experience gained from ship salvaging and blockade running, Bermuda finally went into the tourist business follow-ing World War I. Last year Bermuda raked in 24 million dollars from tourists, although we suspect that some of this loot is still in barrels uncounted. At any rate, this means \$600 earned by each citizen on the island, though we have a sneaking suspicion that some made more than others. Many hotels in the United States

have little plaques in each closet to remind the departing guest: "Have you left anything?". In Bermuda, the signs are there but they have been slightly altered to fit local conditions. They read: "Have you anything left?". In fairness to the Bermudians, it

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must be pointed out that many of the most elaborate tourist traps are owned by United States hotel interests

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Both Pan-American Airways and B.O.A.C. are now running daily flights to the famed pink beaches and the balmy climate of Bermuda. The "Bermuda carriages" of former days have all but vanished. In their place, a fleet of miniature taxis has appeared in which one rides cheltered from the sun by a B.O.A.C. rides sheltered from the sun by a

rides sneitered from the sun by a fringed canvas shade.

Otherwise Bermuda is much the same, with the local uniforms for both sexes and all ages still the "Bermuda shorts" of knee-length, worn with high socks. The shop racks are full of goods designed for the unserks coming down from for the wrecks coming down from the USA, but there seem to be no real buys on Bermuda except perhaps perfume and whisky. See you next week!

Booklet Devoted To Vatican Stamps

"Vatican Stamps," the latest in a series of popular handbooks published by The Washington Press, Newark 2, N.J. was released on April 28 and proved to be a best seller at FIPEX, where the first supply was offered.

During the colossal exhibition at the new Coliseum, a specially bound volume of the new work was presented to His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman, who wrote the foreword for it, by Leo and Samuel August.

Written by Ernest A. Kehr, the
48-page brochure is packed with all available information pertaining to the colorful stamps of the Vati-can, from the first issue of 1929, through the commemoratives up to and including 1956. Emphasis has been placed on the description of the designs, and a commentary of the Vatican itself, its history; stories about the personalities porstories about the personalities por trayed.

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Kehr, who knows the Vatican as few Americans ever have gotten to know it, so humanizes this exciting field that it not only becomes a valuable philatelic reference source for Vatican stamp collectors, but an informative guide to the important city-state.

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The booklet, which is illustrated, is available from The Washington Press, or from dealers throughout the country at 50c per copy.

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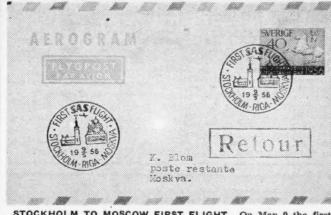
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News From The Three Germanies R. Y. Megan

Orwellian Catalogue

Just how peculiar it is, should be apparent to anyone getting hold of the new East German "Lipsia" catalogue, a product of the "Bibliographical Institute", Leipzig. This remarkable work sets out to be a semi-specialized stamp catalogue of Germany - but with a difference! Not only do faithful East Germans collect stamps, they collect them along party political lines . . . or else!

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The work is prefaced with a "Postal History of Germany", pitted with such significant phrases as, "In the former German colonies, post offices and administrations ies, post offices and administrations were created . . . they served to suppress and exploit the native population"; "the Field Post Offices helped Military Aggression"; "the Germania stamp which daily put before the population the glory of armed might, prepared them psychologically for war"; "the class character of the German Reichspost was clear in its fight against the working-class movement".

ment".

Later we come to such remarkable bits of information as "Soviet occupation (following the destruction of Fascist might by the victorious Red Army) enabled the progressive forces of our people . . . to build a democratic postal administration"; "leadership was given to those from the working classes who had proven their antifascist sympathies during the Hitler regime". And so on.

Western stamps are heavily censored. Thus no picture is given of the Prisoners of War stamp of 1953, which is simply called a "commemorative", and the West Berlin issues for the East German rising of June 17, 1953 are quietly omitted, altogether.

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Two numbers have disappeared from the chronology, that is all there is to show for them.

No pictures, of course, for the "Liberty Bell" and "Anti-Hitler plot" stamps, for did not the latter come from the officer caste, instead of the working-class movement (who at the time were solidly behind the Fuehrer!)?

In brief, it makes you sick to see how facts and features are distorted to show what is intended, and not what really occurred. Small wonder that the East German post office prohibits the importation of all kind of printed matter. Stark fear dominates the government - fear lest the truth should leak through. It is an echo of George Orwells book "1984".

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"nothlife" stamp, which featured Marburg Castle? So the local philatelists went to it, reprinted the stamp in en-larged format (in fact, the almost exact format of German commem-pratives today) and furnished. oratives today) and furnished it with a suitable overprint, drawing attention to the "Marpurga" phil-atelic exhibition staged in connection with the festivities.



The picture I show is a cancelled copy. It came on a philatelically franked letter, with a batch of three or four other commemoratives, and obviously the local post office thought they would play safe by cancelling the sticker as well. Unfortunately I have not been able to get hold of a mint example to date.

Book Now, and avoid disappoint

I have just completed the translation, into English of a leaflet for the "Neues Handbuch der Briefmarkenkunde". In case this formidable title puts you off, it is the publishing group who look after the continuation of the monumental Philatelic Encyclopaedia, which started life over. 30 years ago under the much simpler title of "Kohl Handbook". Then it became the "New Handbook", and it has been part of the business of the German Philatelic Federation to form a sub-group and look to it that publication continues.

To date (i.e. since 1949, when work re-started) the group have issued one major work, the reprint of the Germany section, 1872-1925, as well as continuing the publication of two parallel series of supplements.

of supplements.

Series A deals with foreign countries, and only one volume, dealing with Macao, 1884-1942, has been released.

There have been more volumes in Series B (Germany), and Nos. B-1, B-2 and B-3 have been published, covering German issues from 1925 - 1935.

Then of course there is the big volume reprint of Germany. Frankly, I consider it to be in the interest of every reader of this column (who must be interested in Germany) to get hold of the prospectus of the "Neues Handbuch" group, which will give him full details of membereship etc. Please contact Karl Bald, the business manager, at the following address: Herry Karl Bald, Geschaftsness manager, at the following address: Herrn Karl Bald, Geschaftsfuhrer, Neues Handbuch der Briefmarkenkunde, (13a) Wernfeld-am-Main, Germany. He will be very pleased to look after your wants.

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SYRIA MARKS (Continued from page 1)

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company with 1200 or ms countrymen.

General Goybet, in reviewing the field after the battle came across the War Minister's body where the dead were thickest—the Syrian commander, sword in hand, had been leading a charge of military school cadets against a French machine gun position which had been inflicting the heaviest casualties on his lightly-armed troops.

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With characteristic French
military chivalry. Goybet, saluting the body of his oppenent, issued the following order:
"Bury him here, face to the
enemy as he died. Let him always rest here, guarding with his
body, the road to Damascus. He
was a gallant soldier."

And so it is today, with the
white, canopied tomb of Syria's
most famous war hero one of the
first sights seen by modern visitors shortly after crossing the
Lebanese-Syrian border on the
Damascus road.

Damascus road.
Meisalun is Syria's Alamo. The
cry "Remember Meisalun" echoed cry "Remember Meisalun" echoed on through two more national revolts until the achievement of complete independence on April 17. 1946. The three red stars in Syria's flag and crest, shown on many Syrian postage stamps (including the 65 piaster red, of this set) represent the struggle which ended at Meisalun, the 1925 revolt which followed, and the World War II uprising which culminated in the country's freeminated in the country's free-

minated in the country's new dom.

The plaque to the left of the general's statue reads: "In Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of Evacuation, 17-4-1956" beneath which are two lines of an epic poem found on the base of General al Azmeh's statue, exhorting Syrian soldiers to bear their cross with joy in their hearts, as the heroes of Meisalun did 36 years ago.

The commemorative inscription appears in French at the

The commemorative inscription appears in French at the bottom of the stamp, with bilingual value and airmail designations flanking the base of the statue. Artist Abandowitz, who designed the stamp, has inserted his name to the right of the statue pear the margin ue near the margin.

The 65 piaster value shows the armed Syrian goddess of victory holding a shield on which is emblazoned the national crest— the three revolutionary stars supported by the Hawk of the Quraysh.

This device represents the bril-

This device represents the brilliant Seventh and Eighth Century Syrian Ommayad dynasty of Caliphs of Islam who, from Damascus, ruled the Arab empire from Spain to India. The lettering to the left of the shield reads "Forward!", the last word of Yusef al-Azmeh at Meisalun. Other inscriptions are as on the 35 piaster value. This value pays the airmail fee to the U.S., while the lower value is the rate to Europe. This device represents the bril-

Europe.

For overweight mail or Far East or South American mailings there is a 75 piaster dark green, with a portrait of incumbent Syrian President Shukri al-Quwatly, who previously appeared on stamps of the 1945, 1946 and 1948 issues prior to the 1949 payalytics. issues prior to the 1949 revolution of militarist Husni Zayim which sent him into temporary exile in

Egypt.

"What is this politician doing on a set of stamps side-by-side with National Hero al-Azmeh?" might be the question of philatelists unfamiliar with the Chief Executive's career.

Executive's career.

The answer is that Shukri alQuwatly was one of the young
patriots who, as an associate of
al-Azmeh, established the Syrian
Kingdom in 1920 and was condemned to death by the French
after Meisalun for continuing alAzmeh's fight for independence.
Quwatly escaped and lived to become Syria's first independence come Syria's first independence President and to preside over the Evacuation Day ceremonies of April 17, 1946.

After a series of military coups, the Syrian people finally got rid of their last would-be dictator, Col. Adib Shishakly, and in their first free elections since 1949 reelected the returned exile, Shukri al-Quwatly, as President of the Republic in 1955, in time for him to preside over this year's Evacuation Day parade and to figure on the 10th Anniversary stamps as he had appeared 10 years earlier on the independent country's first set.

25,000 perforated sets were issued and no announcement has yet been made concerning the 1500 imperfs habitually distrib-

yet been made concerning the
1500 imperfs habitually distributed as bonuses, as the struggle
is still going on within the Post
Office Department about the
proposed abolition of this custom.
At least the Post Office heeded

last year's advice to confine com-memorative sets to 10th, 25th and similar logical anniversary dates

and to avoid 9th and other odd Israel U.S. Agency

In vetoing a 35th Anniversary of Meisalun set last year Post-master General Lahham agreed that it was an appropriate year but said, with a wry smile:

"My dear fellow, it was a disaster — a national catastrophe which set back Syrian indepenwhich set back Syrian independence for a quarter of a century. We are not a world power like the United States, secure in its position, which can issue a Battle of Brooklyn stamp to mark a defeat that soon turned to victory. Our position is still insecure, with the Israeli threat on our southern frontier and the danger of an East-West battlefield on Syrian soil hanging over us like a sword. However, I agree with you that General al-Azmeh is a worthy hero as an inspiration of our people in the hard struggle of today, and we shall see what His Excellency the President thinks of the project."

April 17th's 35pi. stamp was

April 17th's 35pi. stamp was the result of President Quwat-ly's fond memory of his com-rade-in-arms in the early days of the war of independence which ended 10 years ago with Syria's first Evacuation Day.

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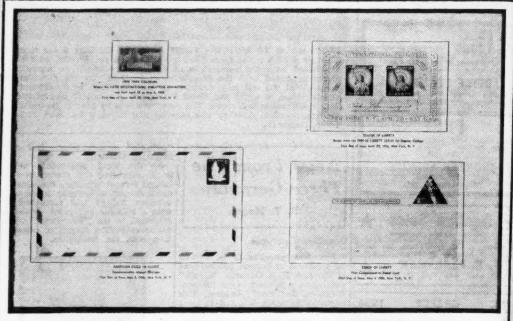
Additional employees have had to be added to the staff of the Israel Philatelic Agency in America, Inc., to handle an increasing volume of business, and it was therefore necessary to move to larger quarters or June 1. The organization supplies Israel stamps to dealers in the United States and other countries in the western hemisphere.

30th St., New York 1, N.Y., with old telephone and cable designations being retained. Dealers trading with the Agency are urged to note the new location in order to avoid any delays in correspondence, or filling of orders.

Jacques Minkus, who heads the Agency, observed that the move was necessary to cope with the ever-increasing demands being made by American dealers, who hemisphere. in turn report a constantly growin
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Winfield J. Hain of Shillington, Pa., president of COROS said that the certificatae for best religious designs will be issued annually. Members of the society judged the 1955 awards, balloting on more than a score of stamps that were nominated for the honors.

A stamp issued by Spanish Guin-ea showing a native priest say-ing Mass was voted as having the ing Mass was voted as having the most outstanding Roman Catholic theme. The stamp was issued to commemorate the centenary of the establishment of the Apostolic Prefecture of Fernando Po.

The set of four stamps issued by the Principality of Monaco in honor of the 80th birthday anniver-sary of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the

sary of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the world-famous missionary, was selected as the outstanding Protestant design.

A stamp issued by Israel showing a lighted menora was voted the award for the outstanding Jewish theme. The menora is a seven pronged candlestick used in the Feast of Chanukah. It is also used as a sarced symbol in many Christian churches.

The Saar stamp depicting "Pray-

used as a sarced symbol in many Christian churches.

The Saar stamp depicting "Praying Hands" was voted the outstanding inter-faith design of the year and also was named the most beautiful stamp of all classifications. Durer's painting hangs in the Alberini Library in Vienna. The stamp was issued with a surtax for the benefit of Volkshilfe, a public assistance charitable organization in the Saar.

The Rev. Aloysius S. Horn of Fremont, O., chairman of the COROS Awards committee announced that beautifully engraved certificates will be presented to the postal administrations of the countries selected for the honors, and expressed the hope that these annual awards will encourage the nations of the world to use more spiritual themes on their postal designs.

He noted the increase that has

designs.

He noted the increase that has occured in the number of stamps with religious designs from various countries in recent years. Also the increased interest in topical collecting of religious stamps, as reflected in the growing membership of COROS which was established in 1943. designs. He no

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Mozart was honored with the release of a six-value set on May 12. The values and colors are: 30h yellow and gray; 45h green and gray; 60h lavender and gray; 1Kcs orange and gray; and 1.60Kcs. yellow and gray.

FRANCE. A statue from the Cathedral of Treguier is the central design of a 15fr stamp issued in honor of Saint Yves, on May 19. GERMANY (West). The centen-ary of the town of Luneburg was

commemorated with the release of a 20pfg. red stamp on May 2. The old houses of Luneburg and a crane in the harbor are the subjects of

the design.

IRAN. A5r lavender stamp, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the National Olympic Committee, was issued May 15.

ITALY. The 25th anniversary of the Simplen Tunnel connecting

the Simplon Tunnel connecting Italy and Switzerland has been marked by the issuance on May 19 of a 25 Lire stamp.

JAPAN. A green and blue 55 yen was issued on May 15, showing the Marimo. a fresh-water weed.

Marimo, a fresh-water weed.

MEXICO. Announcement has been made that two sets of stamps, one regular and one airmail, will be issued for the Postal Centennial Exhibition to be held in Mexico

City from August 1 to 15. A souvenir sheet will be issued also.

SWEDEN. The centenary of the first Swedish Railvay will be marked on August 10 with the issuance of three commems—10 ore, 250, and

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4. If you intend making a pre-

4. If you intend making a precancel collection, don't make it too small or limited. You won't have much fun, and a lot of dealers will shun you if you write them that you are interested in the 17c denomination of Wyoming or something like that. Write me for suggestions if you want to start some phase of precancel collecting. collecting.

collecting.

Needless to say the Liberty series, in either Locals only or Bureaus only, will make a fine collection, and it's not too soon to start either. Some of the higher priced Prexy Bureaus were bought about seventeen years ago at nominal prices. Many of the locals that were common then are just not seen now, unless you happen on an old time collection.

Sunday Precancel Session In New York

Sunday, June 24, the New York Precancel Round-up will take place at the Hotel Biltmore, Madison Ave. and 43rd St., New York

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1p, Revolutionary Mexico, green, blue and brown, two million.

1.20p, Popular Mexico, yellow, deep green, and light green, two million.

million.

5p, Modern Mexico, olive gray and purple, five hnudred thousand.

First day of issue is scheduled for August 1, when the International Stamp Exhibition, to be known as "EXMEX-1956", is scheduled

as "EXMEX-1956", is scheduled for opening.
Colors as given are those suggested by the artists. Designs were presented in black and white, and in colors, and each had to be accompanied by a photographic reduction to the size of the final stamp—about the same as the current United States special delivery.
Final colors may differ from

Final colors may differ from those given and the type of printing process has not been announced, although it is to be supposed that it will be offset.

Several suggested designs for each series were presented many of them very handsome and attractive. Competition was keen and quality of designs so high that the government o. Mexico decided

tractive. Competition was keen and quality of designs so high that the government o. Mexico decided to award some prize to all participants, which was done.

The proposed designs and projects were on display for several weeks in March and April in the Central Post Office in downtown Mexico and proved an attraction for many visitors. At the same time a series attractive posters to advertise the centennial was also on display and prizes were awarded three artists, as was previously announced in Linn's Reproductions of these posters have been printed and are on display thoughout Mexico in public buildings and post offices.

The first prize poster printed in blue, yellow, thesh and the national colors, red white and green, is by Manuela Ballester. It depicts a yonug woman receiving a letter from the beak of a dove and over all the drawing is a commemorative postmark.

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The second prize depicts the one-The second prize depicts the one-half real stamp of 1856 with a dove, shadow of an airplane, and a pair of hands extended palms upwards as if to receive the dove. Colors are blue, yellow, and warm brown.

The third prize-winner shows a dove, postmark Jan. 15, 1956, and a stamp. Colors are green, red, yellow and white. All bear the apyellow and white. All bear the appropriate inscription, CENTEN-ARY OF THE FIRST MEXICAN POSTAGE STAMP, 1856-1956.

There will be a miniature sheet to commemorate the EXMEX 1956 show. It will consist the appropriate the property of the pro

show. It will consist, the announce-ment of Lic. Samuel Vasconselos, Centennial Commission Chairman says, of one each of the six airmail stamps.
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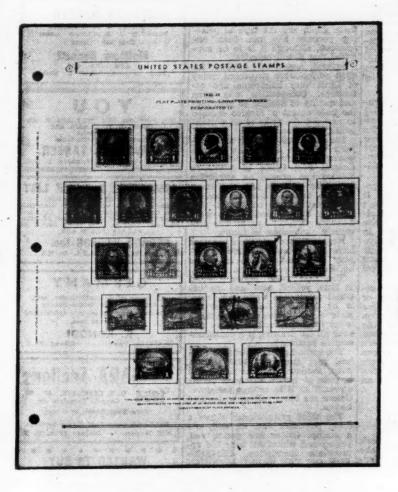
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Invited are members of the New England Precancel Society and the Rhode Island Philatelic Society. Other interested collec-tors are welcome.

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On page 12 of the May 28 edition there was a news item to the effect that special souvenir plates had been prepared to note the Lititiz, Pa. Bicetennial Celebration, for sale by the Lions Club at one dollar each. It has been discovered it will not be possible to retail the it will not be possible to retail the item at that price. Actual sales will be made at \$1.75 each.

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When I returned I found my desk covered many inches deep with or-ders and letters from dealers and collectors, states Jonas Hallgrims-son, P.O. Box 1116, Reykjavik, Iceland. Mr. Hallgrimsson had been away to the FIPEX in New York City and was not able to make his usual efficient delivery of material. Orders are now going out rapidly.

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